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LOOKOUT GRANDEUR RESTORED

It was historic, inspiring and crumbling and very expensive to save through customary means.

Ute Mountain Fire Lookout Tower (the only one in the State of Utah) was completed by Sheep Creek Canyon CCC enrollees in 1937. It approached its 50th birthday in a rotted and deteriorated condition.

The road to the top of Ute Mountain was pioneered in 1934. For 32 summers, lookouts scanned the horizon for fires from this tower some 32 feet above the ground. Bill Self, presently Dams/Hydraulics Engineer, Regional Office, and his wife were the last to occupy the tower. That was 19 years ago—in 1968. Since then, no one has enjoyed the magnificent view and changing moods of the mountain on a constant basis.

During a theft in the 1970's, the stove was shattered, windows were broken, the old crank telephone vanished, and most of the furniture disappeared—or was burned by a lost, wintertime woodcutter trying to survive the cold. Rot continued its insidious toll on the one-foot square support legs, window sills and some beams. The lower stairway was removed for public safety in 1978—the same year the tower was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1982, the Utah Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs responded to an appeal for volunteers. The Association provided manpower, materials, and equipment to replace the rotted portion of the support legs. This provided stability to the entire structure and allowed future efforts to commence. Once the stairways, decks, and railings were replaced or rebuilt (with money made available by a supportive Ashley National Forest Fire Staff), the entire structure was accessible for repair.

When broken glass, crumbled linoleum, and weathered boards and trim were removed in 1985, a piece of board bearing the date of May 17, 1937 (along with ten initials and "Co. 4794"), was found in an inner wall. This established the tower's construction date.

Don Mathis, experienced historian and fire lookout enthusiast, spent the summer of 1985 scraping, repairing, and painting. The cab floor

was made safe for use by an observer. Don replaced the cab siding. Then the window sills, windows, doors, lower inside walls, linoleum, and trim were replaced or rebuilt and paint applied where needed. Dennis Hatch, a former Fire Control Officer, had foresightedly preserved the alidade. It was bolted back into position and the lightning arresting system was worked on. Shutters were constructed in the fall of 1985 to protect the tower from winter storms and window vandalism.

Spring of 1986 found the tower sound and ready for furniture and appurtenances. Mark Garvey, a young forestry student from Wisconsin, was the volunteer lookout. He built tables, shelves, a wood box and bed base, all according to original dimensions. He painted and moved them into the tower. A box springs and mattress were secured from surplus property listings and a volunteer transported them from Cheyenne, Wyoming. A campground host volunteered to weld legs for a stove (similar to the original) which Brian Barber, District Fire Control Officer, had saved from the old Dutch John Guard Station. The stove had to be dismantled, moved up to the cab and reassembled. The old propane refrigerator from the tower was discovered (by chance), repaired and moved to the tower. Two chairs were found (one a perfect match, as shown by old photos).

Early photograph of Ute Lookout and its weather station (which is still to be restored).





Framework of modern R.A.W.S. (remotely activated weather station) stands in angular harmony with the lines of historic Ute Mountain Fire Lookout Tower. (Vernal Express photo)

With table coverings, pots, pans, dishes, utensils, a water container, two small rugs, and a new lantern, the tower was ready for occupancy. The addition of nylon netting to railings made them safe for children and other visitors.

Once again, a lookout welcomed visitors and witnessed the morning forest, the fury of midnight thunderstorms stabbing the darkness and the daily grandeur of the forest panorama from Ute Mountain. During the summer, Mark watched for fires (which he found), greeted visitors and, with the help of other volunteers, removed encroaching vegetation from the lookout clearing.

All that remains is to replace the roof, find a wall-mounted crank telephone (with regular handset), paint the difficult-to-reach sections, and rebuild the weather station. Once restored, the original weather station will stand in interpretive contrast with the modern RAWS weather station. Anyone wishing to donate a phone or 26-3/4 inch by 18-1/2 inch gable-roofed weather station box, please contact the Flaming Gorge Ranger District. A volunteer rockclimbing group is being sought to do the framework painting.

When the above tasks are completed, there will be a dedication—perhaps in late August. The tower will be dedicated



Don Mathis, volunteer historic consultant, pauses in front of Ute Mountain Fire Lookout during 1984 restoration efforts. Don will be returning to live in the tower while helping with continued restoration projects, dedication planning and some historic research.



This is the view from inside the cab of recently restored Ute Mountain Fire Lookout Tower.

to the memory of Ray Comstock, a deceased member of the Flaming Gorge Helitack Crew, whose desire was to see the tower restored. Former lookout occupants and CCC crew members (who may have helped build the tower) are being sought so their contributions can be recognized at the dedication. Names of project volunteers and those donating financial assistance will be placed in a capsule at the spot where the original CCC wooden plaque was discovered.

Anyone may contribute to the Ray Comstock Memorial, c/o U.S. Forest Service, P.O. Box 157, Dutch John, Utah 84023. Proceeds will be used (in conjunction with support from the Flaming Gorge Natural History Association) to purchase a memorial plaque and to fund dedication activities.

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REGIONAL FORESTER'S MESSAGE

Sometimes lately, it may seem that the job of "caring for the land" is too big and "serving people" too time consuming considering current budget and personnel constraints.

Remember the old saying, "Many hands make light work." That approach can help us cope with funding and ceiling problems. "Many hands," however, does not necessarily mean "many Forest Service hands" or "only" Forest Service hands.

In this "Reporter" issue alone, we have stories or articles telling of help received from at least 16 outside sources (4-H, Boy Scouts, American Motorcyclists, volunteers, Cooperative Ed students, parolees, U.S. District Court, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Native Americans, 1890 students, Utah Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs, universities, state departments, Jackson Hole Bird Club, Jackson Hole Alliance for Responsible Planning, and senior citizens).

Because of these contributions (involving time, money and personnel), at least 15 types of projects have been or will be completed or initiated. Types of work include maintaining trails, firefighting, office work, computer work, mapping, surveying, rebuilding roads, removing dead and hazardous trees from campgrounds, maintaining and enhancing elk habitat, fence building, lookout restoration, fishery habitat, bluebird nests, eagle nesting area improvement and fuelwood skidding.

Undeniably, Forest Service work has moved forward

because of contributions from outside sources. We have been better able to accomplish our mission as stewards of the National Forests through this help. But, are those "many hands" being used as frequently and effectively as possible? How often have you or your unit been effective in arranging for those "hands?"

Some outside sources work with no other motive than public service. Others realize the most effective way of accomplishing some of their own objectives is by offering the "helping hand." When the natural resources benefit, it doesn't really matter what organization or agency gets the credit.

This issue also tells of instances where we have helped others while accomplishing needed work on the National Forests. Cooperation is a two-way street. Our mission is not only to "care for the land" but "to serve people" as well.

Let's remember that there are many who are willing and able to help and we should take advantage of that. We should seek out those whose objectives and priorities coincide with ours and assist each other in accomplishing them. We should be as willing to reach out the "helping hand" as we are to take it. Either way, the end result is that the land and the people benefit.



J. S. Tixier
Regional Forester

CALFANT VALLEY EARTHQUAKE

On July 21, 1986, an earthquake which registered 6.1 on the Richter scale disturbed Calfant Valley, California. This is on the east side of the Sierra Nevadas and our Region is concerned about the possible rupture of an active magma chamber of the Long Valley Caldera.

The ground has been moving upward every year in this decade in the Long Valley area. When the volcano erupts, the particulate material will bring problems to a portion of Region 4. When there is faulting in the area, the magma chamber could rupture and the molten material would move up the fault trace.

Ground rupture was found north of Bishop, California, and east of Long Valley. The displacement was only a few inches

but extended in one segment nearly three miles.

In addition to ground rupture, some rock fall mobilized fragments that blocked dirt roads, or rolled fragments several hundred feet.

There was some damage to buildings in Bishop and several mobile homes were knocked off their block foundations.

The magma chamber was reported to be unchanged by the seismic action.

Earl P. Olson
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AWARD FOR CUMULATIVE EFFECTS MODEL

The grizzly bear habitat cumulative effects model was developed to measure qualitatively and quantitatively the impacts of combined individual activities on grizzly bears in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. The model was developed by a task force composed of the Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The model allows managers to more easily assess impacts such as campgrounds, roads, and timber sale activities and to use this assessment in decisionmaking.

The interagency involvement has allowed various agencies with land and grizzly bear management responsibilities to closely interact in coordinating grizzly bear needs and other resource management activities. Agencies are learning to achieve multi-resource goals within the Yellowstone area where visibility and public interest are high. The model enables agencies to meet varied resource objectives in a coordinated fashion throughout the ecosystem without the entire area being managed by one agency. Through the use of the model, we are closer to achieving the goal to "secure and maintain a viable self-sustaining (recovered) population of wild free-ranging grizzly bear and the ecosystem upon which it depends."

The Intermountain Region has had the lead in developing the computerized data base and computerized technologies necessary to implement the cumulative effects process. Receiving a certificate of appreciation and cash award for developing a computerized grizzly bear cumulative effects

model were Kim Barber and Dave Winn from Region 4 and Ron Ercano, Terri Grotzinger, Tom Duchlerz, John Weaver and Bill Donnelly from Region 1.



Kim Barber, Wildlife Biologist, Mountain City Ranger District, Humboldt National Forest, and Dave Winn, Wildlife Habitat Relationships Program Manager, Regional Office, accept from Regional Forester Tixier a certificate of appreciation and a cash award from the Chief. Recognition was given for their efforts as part of a team which developed a computerized Grizzly Bear Cumulative Effects Model. □

CAREER COUNSELING CORNER

...DEMEANOR, VISIBILITY AND PERFORMANCE—THREE KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR GETTING AHEAD

Advancement within an organization sometimes seems to take on almost a mystical quality, especially when jobs are tight and qualified employees abound.

Why is a particular employee selected over another, all things seeming to be equal? What gives that employee an edge? What attributes do selecting officials look for in an employee, regardless of the grade and position involved?

The proliferation of current material on career advancement would suggest an exhaustive list, but an employee would do well to concentrate on the following three areas:

1. Professional Dress and Demeanor
2. Visibility with Peers and Executives
3. Performance and Followup

Further elaboration on number one is superfluous—the key being "professional."

Several hints can be given to address number two:

... Direct your activities to show support of agency goals.

... Don't just cruise. A day's work for a day's pay may not be enough. Approach each task enthusiastically.

... Take part in organization and civic activities.

... Don't always "let George do it." Eagerly seek out and accept assignments. Tough jobs give you an opportunity to stand out.

... Even if you are an expert in a particular field, branch out. Expand your qualifications and capabilities by seeking training opportunities.

Competence, responsiveness and the ability to communicate effectively are key elements of number three.

The first two areas will *arouse interest* in you and your career. The third area will *sustain* that interest. □

A HELPING HAND

As the summer sun rises above the mighty Snake River south of Jackson, Wyoming, the morning silence is shattered by the roar of heavy equipment. At the Dog Creek gravel pit, a dragline reshapes the shore of the newly expanded pond where thousands of yards of gravel have recently been removed. More equipment will follow: a front-end loader to smooth rough banks and spoil piles and a grader to provide finishing contours. The area surrounding the pond lies in a barren state.

Is this another example of disappearing wildlife habitat in Wyoming? No! The project is a part of a larger long-term cooperative effort by federal, state, and private organizations to protect endangered bald eagles in the Greater Yellowstone Area.

Biologists had expressed concern that recreational activities in the Dog Creek area had reached a point where any additional disturbance might affect eagle nesting success. This scenic area, occupied by a pair of eagles, had seen steady increases in recreational activities, including fishing, hunting, camping, and commercial and private float trips. In particular, the area surrounding the gravel pit was heavily used by picnickers and campers because of its accessibility by motor vehicles. The Jackson Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest, worked in close cooperation with eagle researchers from Montana State University, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Wyoming Game and Fish Department to evaluate the cumulative effects of these activities on eagle nesting success. It became apparent the Dog Creek nesting eagles required a more secure nesting environment.

In 1985, the Wyoming Highway Department submitted an application to the Ranger District to excavate and crush gravel from the Dog Creek gravel pit for use in resurfacing U.S. Highway 89/26. Following an evaluation by federal and state biologists, it was determined that excavating gravel from the site would not be harmful if the eagles used an alternative nesting site away from the proposed gravel operation. When the eagle pair returned last spring, they went to the alternate nest, thereby allowing the project to proceed. By enlarging a small pond during the gravel extraction, the Forest saw an opportunity to use the gravel-crushing operation to benefit the bald eagle and other wildlife in the vicinity of the gravel pit. The Forest Landscape Architect designed concepts to integrate visual, recreation, and wildlife concerns. The Jackson District Wildlife Biologist worked closely with federal and state wildlife agencies and the Wyoming Highway Department in developing a plan for enlarging the existing pond and creating shallow water areas (with two islands) for waterfowl.

During the summer of 1986, the Wyoming Highway Department removed gravel from the pit. The area surrounding the newly expanded pond was then contoured and prepared for seeding. Several seed mixtures were selected by the Forest Soil Scientist. One mixture was for the wetter areas along the water's edge and another for higher and drier sites. A former summer employee of the Jackson Ranger District organized the effort to revegetate the area. Seed was ordered and volunteers were enlisted from the Jackson Hole Bird Club and the Jackson Hole Alliance for Responsible Planning. They met one Saturday morning in October and seeded six acres surrounding the pond

and then covered the seeded area with an overlay of hay to act as a mulch. Fences and signs were placed around the newly seeded area to restrict motorized access. The final phase of the project will be completed during the spring of 1987, when volunteers transplant cattails and other emergent vegetation into the pond.

These types of cooperative projects are long on details and, sadly, sometimes short of helping hands. But, as the Dog Creek project demonstrated, with diligence and patience, good things come from proper planning and consistent effort. All parties may not get everything they asked for but, through dedicated involvement, appropriate compromises can be realized and mutual objectives obtained.



Volunteers from various groups combine their efforts in the restoration of the Dog Creek gravel pit.



Amy Cooper of the Jackson Hole Alliance helps scatter hay mulch over the Dog Creek site.

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SENIOR CITIZENS HELP FORESTS

Older Americans are helping manage National Forests in ways that would never have been considered several years ago.

In recent years, people have realized how beneficial Older Americans can be on the job. Workers must be at least 55 years old and meet certain income guidelines. If they meet these criteria, the Forest Service program puts them to work for up to 1,300 hours a year at minimum wage.

On the Fishlake National Forest, the Older Americans are retired people who want to supplement their income and, at the same time, remain active.



Waldo Martinez is getting ready to build forms to pour a cement retaining wall in Monroe Creek. Water had undermined the cement wall and gabion.

Waldo Martinez, Joe Southern, Morris Parsons, Don Hunt and Lloyd Hunt work under the Older American Program and they are invaluable to the Fishlake National Forest.

They perform any task that is asked of them and many have skills younger people haven't had time to acquire.

Their contributions include carpentry, painting, electrical, plumbing, automobile mechanics, concrete work and numerous other tasks. They work on field projects as well as projects around the buildings and yards.

When approached at Monrovia Park, Martinez said he would be happy to talk, but only for a minute because he had a lot of work to get done. The same element of dedication runs throughout the program. Nobody has to tell these men to get to work.

Each of the five said he enjoys his work and appreciates the opportunity to remain active. Parsons said he spent 24 years as a baker in Richfield; he found retirement was not to his liking. He likes to work and to be in the mountains. He calls the past summer one of the best of his life.

Don Hunt has been involved in the program for 3 years. Like Parsons, he said he just doesn't like to be idle. He has many skills, acquired from his past work as a farmer, carpenter and miner, that help him on the job.



Morris Parsons and Don Hunt plant grass seed to help improve the grazing range at Indian Flat.

Everyone benefits—the Older Americans feel good about their useful contributions to management of the National Forests and the Forest benefits through increased productivity under current budgetary restraints. □



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NATIVE AMERICANS GAIN EXPERIENCE IN FORESTRY

"Caring for the Land and Serving People" has always been the philosophy of the Forest Service. The Job Training Protection Act (JTPA) helps us act upon that philosophy.

The Targhee National Forest has entered into a JTPA Human Resource Agreement with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe located at Fort Hall in southeastern Idaho. The JTPA program is funded by the Department of Labor.

Lenora Mosho, JTPA/Tero (Tribal Employment Rights Offices) coordinator for the Fort Hall Tribal Council, states, "The program is set up to provide the enrollees with work skills training that will allow them to obtain employment." Lenora goes on to say, "The enrollees sign up for 26 weeks of work, or 1,000 hours, whichever comes first. They are screened by the Forest Service and the Fort Hall placement program for the jobs for which they are applying. The Forest Service provides the supervision, housing (if required by the job location), transportation to the work site, and a job description that identifies the position requirements. The JTPA program provides for the wages that each enrollee will receive, through the classification of the job description."



Sammy Snipe, Christy Eschief and Stacy Hidalgo (left to right) work on a fencing project on the Palisades Ranger District, Targhee National Forest.

Kim Marshall, Recreation Staff for the Palisades Ranger District, Targhee National Forest, says, "This program is providing us with some good solid help; it is helping the enrollees to gain work skills and learn about natural resources. It is one of the most positive programs that I have ever been involved with in my years with the Forest Service. The program has saved us about \$60,000 in project funds."

The enrollees are involved in maintaining campgrounds, developing trailheads, fencing water systems in the campgrounds, working on wilderness trails, constructing trails, building gates, maintaining cross country ski trails and helping to winterize campgrounds.

Doug Muir, Human Resource Coordinator for the Ashton District of the Targhee National Forest, states, "We have been extremely pleased with our involvement with the enrollees and I would like to see the program expanded." Muir goes on to say, "We have identified one of the enrollees that we are working with as having good leadership ability and presently the individual is a crew leader. Hopefully, we will be able to pick the individual up as a seasonal employee next year." Muir estimates about a \$15,000 savings through JTPA help.

Stacy Hidalgo has been in the program for about five months and said, "Yes, I could recommend it to others. It is hard work and sometimes the weather in the high country is not the best, but it is fun and I'm learning."

Sammy Snipe and Christy Eschief have been with the program for about two months but they point out that, "The program teaches that you have to get along with co-workers and it develops 'team work'. Of course, you have to stay in shape for climbing these mountains and working hard."

This seems to be a program that has met with a very positive reception by both the enrollees and the agency. Everyone can be a winner by working together for positive accomplishments.

Earl LaOrange
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OBITUARIES

ALBERT NATHAN BUTLER

Albert Nathan Butler died Friday, February 27, in Ogden. He was born in Springlake, Utah, and later served 32 years as a Forest Service employee, working in Oklahoma City; Jackson Hole, Wyoming; and Richfield, Utah.

JAMES L. JACOBS

James L. Jacobs died Thursday, February 26. He was born in Raymond, Alberta, Canada. He graduated from the Utah State University School of Forestry. He served as a Forest Service employee for 40 years on nine National Forests and in the Regional Office. His 22 Forest Service moves included Panguitch, Richfield, Elsinore, Provo and Ogden, Utah; and

Swan Valley, Idaho Falls, Cascade, and Boise, Idaho.

He was a charter member of the Society for Range Management and had been an officer of the Society of American Foresters, Kiwanis Club, National Federation of Federal Employees, and was past president of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, Weber Historical Society and the Utah Foresters Alumni. He was a name collector and a member of the Utah State Committee on Geographic Names. He also collected pocket knives.

He received the Distinguished Service Award from Utah State University in 1959.

Margaret, his wife of 50 years, passed away January 30. □

HARVESTING TIMBER FROM THE GARDEN VALLEY FIRES

Even after a major fire is controlled and the crews have gone home, the work isn't over. The timber must be harvested before blue stain and insects decrease its value.

Within two months of the control of the Garden Valley fires on the Boise National Forest, five timber sales were set up and sold. These sales totaled approximately 31,000 MBF taken from a 20,000-acre burn area. Employees from other Ranger Districts and the Supervisor's Office were all involved in getting the volume available for harvest by mid-October 1986.

The sales were set up to increase their economic efficiency. Three types of areas were designated: "must" harvest, "optional" harvest, and "maybe" harvest. In the "optional" harvest areas, it is the sawyer's decision whether to harvest, based on contract specifications. These areas had a moderate burn. "Maybe" harvest areas had a light burn and may not contain any salvageable trees. The timber purchaser decides whether to go into the "maybe" areas. Because of economics, the Forest does not expect timber purchasers to enter these "maybe" harvest areas. Other strategies to increase the economics of the sale included increasing the minimum diameter of harvest trees to 14" and setting the top diameter at 8" but allowing a deviation from that point of up to 6 feet.

Because the Anderson Creek Salvage Sale contained critical wildlife winter range, the District worked with Idaho Department of Fish and Game to lessen the impact on the animals. A line was designated dividing the sale area into a lower and upper area. After January 19, all logging operations were limited to the upper area to protect big game in the lower wintering area. Luckily the winter has been mild and big game have not concentrated in any one area.

Two major timber purchasers specializing in helicopter logging (Crowman Corporation of Medford, Oregon, and Columbia Helicopters of Portland, Oregon) acquired the sales. Logging began in early November using a Vertol 107 Twin Rotor Helicopter. In early December, a Sikorsky S-61, a single rotor helicopter, joined the logging operations, in addition to tractor and jammer logging adjacent to existing roads.

As of the first of February 1987, approximately 13,000 MBF have been removed from the fire salvage areas. Logging is expected to continue until July 1987. The value of the material removed should result in approximately \$1.5 million in receipts. About 70 loads per day are being removed from the

sale area. Seven sale administrators and harvest inspectors are being utilized on various work schedules in order to cover the six-day workweek schedule.



Sikorsky S-61, a single rotor helicopter, works on the Pyle lightning salvage sale.

The District is also planning to plant 500 acres with some excess trees available from the Boise and Payette National Forests. Currently, the District is selecting sites and preparing contracts so planting can begin about April 15. District personnel usually get a winter breather to stop and regroup, or at least collect their thoughts. This year, since the first of August, it has been firefighting, rehabilitation, salvage sale preparation, sale administration, and reforestation. It's been both interesting and challenging, but once is enough as far as the District is concerned.

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A SUMMER WITH THE FOREST SERVICE

This past summer quarter found 12 students from the San Juan Campus working for the Forest Service in a Cooperative Education work experience. These students were located in several parts of the State of Utah. Two students worked in the business office at Price where their duties ranged from receptionist and computer entry to working on maps. Two

students worked in the Sanpete area and five worked in the Ferron area. Several of these students were on the fire crew and spent quite a bit of time fighting fires in Utah and Idaho. Both the LaSal Mountain and the Blue Mountain and Elk Mountain range benefited by one student. Another student worked with the Forest Service survey crew stationed in

Mayfield. He worked on rebuilding roads that had been damaged by mudslides. Several of these students received safety awards for their safe working habits.

A San Juan Campus representative said, "The experiences that these students gained while working for the Forest Service were very valuable. They have a better insight into their career goals and what it will take to achieve these goals."

The representative thanked all the Forest Service supervisors that helped make this a good work experience for the students.

Roselyn Thomas, one of the students who worked in the Sanpete area, expressed her feelings about this work experience:

"My summer work experience as a Co-op student was really

challenging, different and exciting. Working for the Forest Service was more than just sitting in an office and something different than I have ever done before.

"The four days a week, 10 hours a day job not only involved basic field work, but orientations in first aid, defensive driving, bi-weekly safety meetings and, of course, our daily job assignments. Every day presented something new to learn.

"The cooperation and understanding we got from fellow employees, supervisors and our co-op coordinator were helpful and encouraging. I enjoyed my job and the experience very much and, if the opportunity arises to work for them again, I would take it. The hardest part of it all was saying goodbye to a load of nice, friendly people." □

HOMES FOR BLUEBIRDS

Skip Griep, Dixie National Forest Wildlife Biologist, recently received a call from Bruce Waddell, Ecological Services Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Salt Lake City. Bruce wanted to know if there were any likely sites for bluebird nest boxes on the National Forest, as he had about 40 boxes left from an earlier project. A possible location had been reported a few weeks earlier by Wes Shields of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) who had seen 100-200 bluebirds in an area on the Escalante District.

Putting up 40 birdhouses for a sensitive wildlife species seemed tailor-made for an Eagle Scout project. Eagle Scout candidates need to direct a group of other Scouts in a public service project.



Bluebirds prefer the boxes about Scout head high.

The project idea was presented to Escalante District Ranger Doug Austin, who is a Boy Scout Troop Committee Chairman and has two boys that are active Scouts. Doug and the Scouts were enthusiastic about the project.

Once the disassembled boxes were received from USFWS, the Escalante Scouts turned a couple of troop meetings into "box building parties." Before long, the birdhouses were ready to put on the trees.

Bruce Waddell and Clark Johnson, another USFWS official, were active participants in the project. They attended a troop meeting and spoke to the Scouts about the importance of bluebirds in the forest ecosystem and how the nest boxes would help them. The Scouts were told that bluebird populations have declined considerably in recent years due to sensitivity to secondary pesticide poisoning (they feed mostly on insects), destruction of habitat, and competition for nest cavities with other bird species. During the 1970's, it is estimated that bluebird numbers declined by about 80 percent.

Bruce and Clark also joined the contingent of Boy Scouts and Forest Service and UDWR personnel that went the next day to select nest box sites.

Shortly thereafter Ranger Austin and the Scouts spent two weekends actually mounting the boxes according to USFWS guidelines. The boxes are all up now, ready for occupancy. An initial check about six weeks after the boxes went up showed no use. Although this was somewhat discouraging, it was not unexpected. Most research has shown that first year occupancy of nest boxes is usually low because the birds are not used to them. After the first year, use increases steadily for about five years, when it levels off.

This project has been an excellent example of cooperation—within the Forest Service, between two federal agencies, with a state agency, and with the Boy Scouts. The project interested Escalante Sawmills as well and Bruce stopped by their mill and picked up a free load of "mill ends"—enough to build at least another 40 boxes!

Skip Griep
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FIRST-HAND REPORT ON 1890

Orstranda Bearden, student from Mississippi State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi, has worked the past three summers for the Soda Springs District, Caribou National Forest.



Orstranda Bearden, student from Mississippi State University, works on a timber stand improvement project. Orstranda has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology.

Orstranda is a part of the 1890 student employment program participated in by National Forests throughout the United States.

Orstranda says, "I would recommend this to other students and would encourage them to take advantage of the opportunity. You not only learn a lot, but you also are able to make some money and not have to rely on your parents for that college tuition, or those new clothes that you need for the coming school year."

"Sure you get homesick," Orstranda says, "but, you keep busy

and the homesickness wears off. Then you get involved with making new friends and you know you are working for a good organization, such as the Forest Service."

Orstranda goes on to say, "I've learned a lot and had experiences I would never have had back home. I've been able to work in timber stand improvement, fence building, campground cleanup and fighting fires. Where else can you get paid, learn some new skills, work in such beautiful country and have fun doing it?"

Orstranda recommends to other students who would like to become involved in the 1890 program that they contact their school placement officer.

"I have experienced very little racial prejudice and the staff is great to help out when you need it . . ." Orstranda says. "I would tell other 1890 students to be sure and bring warm clothing, that means a heavy coat, long sleeve shirts, gloves, and even a pair of long underwear. The weather is a lot different than in Mississippi."

The 1890 program does not limit the employment opportunities to only those students who are enrolled in natural resource studies. Paul Nordwall, Forest Supervisor for the Caribou, states, "We have a real obligation to reach out and afford these young people from other parts of the country the opportunity to learn about our nation's natural resources, regardless of what their final vocational choice might be. Where can present and future forest users better learn about resource management than by actually being a part of the program efforts?"

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FEEDBACK FROM AN 1890 STUDENT

The following letter was written to Boise Forest Supervisor Jack Lavin from an 1890 student. The 1890 student employment program helps students from minority colleges in the South to: (1) Develop an appreciation for our nation's natural resources; (2) Gain employment opportunities, and (3) Learn a variety of work-related skills.

"I am Curtis Washington, a student of Mississippi Valley State University and I came to Boise . . . as part of the 1890 program . . . Three of us arrived in Boise without money or a place to stay or food to eat. At that time, we had talked by phone to only two people in Boise . . . One of these was Laurel Parker, so we called her and what she did was unbelievable. She immediately invited us over to her house to bunk until we could get some money or get on our feet. She became "Mom" to me and one of the other students. She went out of her way to make sure that we were as comfortable as possible during our stay. She gave us food, a place

to stay on the weekends we were in town, and little helpful hints about trail building and firefighting, which came in handy. Because of the trust, caring and confidence of "Mom," we went every step of the way. When we were down, she always picked us right back up; when the work got so hard that we thought we couldn't make it, she would encourage us. There are no words to explain how we feel about her.

"People at the Boise District also did everything they could to make us feel at home. We feel that Ranger Brent MacBeth is doing a very good job and the District has a unique combination of people. We enjoyed working with them very much.

"All of this may not mean much to you but it meant the world to my friend, Vince, and me because you see we are blacks who came to a 90 percent white community. Thanks to "Mom" and all the people at the Boise District we made it." □

HOST

4-H VOLUNTEERS ON THE SALMON

Members of the South Country 4-H volunteered to put pool-forming structures in Wagonhammer Creek as a fishery enhancement project. Five rock and log dams were installed.

Bruce May, Salmon National Forest Fisheries Biologist, said that food for the fish is abundant but pools and other places to rest are practically nonexistent in this small creek. That keeps down the number and size of the native cutthroat population. Stream surveys have indicated that around 30 structures are needed in the creek.



Volunteers Andy Guest and Travis Scott carry rocks to be used in the log and rock dams.



Bruce May puts the finishing touches on the structure designed to help fish habitat in this stream.



Once in place, the structure to enhance fish habitat is inspected by workers. Here Bruce May shows Andy Guest how the current digs a pool behind the structure to enhance fish habitat.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT EMPLOYEE IS APPRECIATED

Diane Hutchinson, Deputy Clerk for the U.S. District Court in Pocatello, Idaho, was awarded a Forest Service Certificate of Appreciation by Paul Nordwall, Forest Supervisor for the Caribou National Forest, and Chuck Burns, Forest Service Special Agent (the unidentified arm in the photograph belongs to him).

Nordwall states, "Diane is cited for her professionalism in attention to detail, her helpful manner in scheduling court hearings and for giving freely of her time in assisting Forest Service Agents at law enforcement workshops and training sessions. Her services have been invaluable in creating a better understanding about the court system and how we work within that system."

Earl LaOrange
Public Affairs Officer
Caribou National Forest



RETIREMENTS

VERN PRITCHARD

Vern Pritchard retired in February from the Forest Service after 39 years of federal service.

Vern retired as the Forest Service liaison officer to the Bureau of Reclamation on the Central Utah Project. Coordination on Bureau of Reclamation planning and water resource construction activities on all Utah National Forests was also Vern's responsibility.



Vern Pritchard.

Vern began his career as a "lookout and smokechaser" on the St. Joe National Forest while earning a forestry degree at Washington State College.

After a stint in the Navy, Vern worked in a variety of jobs on several Forests in Oregon and Washington. Vern served as recreation guard, engineering technician, trail maintenance technician, firefighter, timber sale administrator, timber management assistant, range conservationist, and assistant ranger on the Wallowa-Whitman, Rogue River and Deschutes National Forests.

Vern served as Ranger of the Prospect Bend and Fort Rock Ranger Districts in the State of Oregon before moving to Utah.

During his career, Vern received several awards. Most notable are his certificates of merit for "leadership and coordination in development of recreation facilities with volunteer groups" and for "superior performance of Forest Service and Bureau of Reclamation efforts in the Central Utah Project." He received the highest honor awarded by the Department of Agriculture—the USDA Superior Award—for management effectiveness and improvement.

Part of Vern's career was spent in developing management plans for Three Sisters Wilderness Area, the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, the Sky Lakes Limited Area, and the Deschutes and Uinta National Forest plans.

He is recognized as a leader in community activities and as an important coordinator for cooperative agreements among agencies, organizations and elected officials.

Vern is an excellent horseman and backpacker. He skies cross-

county and downhill and has training in avalanche control. He is an experienced photographer.

Vern will retire at his horse ranch in Birdseye with his wife, Lylan. Future plans include managing his Oregon ranch and family properties in Washington State. He plans to intensify his participation in the outreach program of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. In his spare time, Pritchard will include frequent visits to see his grandchildren and two daughters and two sons.

HARRY OPFAR

Harry Opfar was Pleasant Grove District Ranger, Uinta National Forest, when he retired in January after 28 years with the Forest Service.



Harry Opfar.

After graduating in forestry from Utah State University, Harry began his career on the Payette National Forest. Numerous jobs followed on the Fishlake, Humboldt, Manti-LaSal, Cache, and Ashley National Forests before settling at Pleasant Grove.

On the Uinta, Harry had a variety of duties including fire boss; supervision of the organization of one of the largest District human resources program in the nation; and liaison with other numerous local, State, and federal agencies.

Harry was a key supporter of the Timpanogos Emergency Rescue Team (TERT), a group of summer volunteers who provide aid and education to hikers in the Mt. Timpanogos Wilderness.

Harry worked on the original environmental impact statement and permit for Heritage Mountain, a ski resort on Forest-administered lands east of Provo.

He was one of the first Rangers to implement the PIPO System (Pack It In-Pack It Out). Implementation was an effort to save District money and still keep the Forest clean. He was also one of the first Rangers to use the concessionaire and contracting programs to provide better and less costly recreational service to campers.

Harry plans to do odd jobs in painting and construction. He will probably get in a good deal of skiing as well. Harry, his wife, and family will continue to reside in Pleasant Grove.

CHESTER E. SMITH

Chester "Chet" E. Smith, Duchesne Forestry Technician, Ashley National Forest, retired from the Forest Service after 18 years of service.

Chet served in a variety of jobs: trail crew member, wilderness ranger, Rock Creek recreation guard, and facilities manager. Chet's broad knowledge of the land and multiple skills were used on a variety of projects such as range work, horseshoeing, vehicle maintenance and blasting.

Born in Tridell, Chet was raised in Whiterocks. He is noted for his stories about "what the true old West was all about." Retirement plans include working his farm in Neola, fishing in the high country, and pursuing his hobbies of woodworking and leatherworking.

MARJORIE GRANT

Marjorie Grant retired from the Forest Service January 23 after nearly 32 years of federal service. At the time of her retirement, she was serving as a Cartographic Technician on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

During her career, she worked for numerous organizations including the U.S. Army, Air Force, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, Soil Conservation Service, and the Federal Aviation Administration. Her work assignments took her to California, Montana, Alaska, and Wyoming. For the last 16 years, she has worked in the Bridger-Teton National Forest Supervisor's Office in Jackson.

She received numerous awards throughout her career for her engineering and cartographic skills. Marjorie will be moving from Jackson to Vermont this spring. □

FOREST HELPS SENIOR CITIZENS

The Kamas Ranger District, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, made it easier for senior citizens to collect fuelwood last fall.

Horses were used to skid otherwise inaccessible dead trees several hundred feet to a Forest road where senior citizens could drive their pickups. Each person was required to purchase the usual fuelwood permit with a restriction of 2 cords per permit. The trees, skidded full length, were bucked and loaded by the individual permit holders.

The program ran for 2 days, during which time about 20 senior citizens shared approximately 30 to 40 cords of dead firewood.

The program was funded with money returned to the District from past fuelwood permit sales. Such money is also used for roadbuilding into fuelwood areas, etc., but skidding the fuelwood is the only use of those funds that directly benefits senior citizens.

If the enthusiasm of the participants is any indication, the program can indeed be considered successful. Several of the senior citizens stated that if the fuelwood had not been made so accessible, they would have had to purchase wood on the open market, which is a costly expenditure on a limited income. □



Horses skid the trees to the road.



The trees are cut into workable chunks by the senior citizens.

PAROLEES LEARN WORK SKILLS

A Timpanogos Community Center Crew from Provo spent several months cleaning dead trees from Blackhawk Campground on the Spanish Fork District, Uinta National Forest.

The hard working crew used chainsaws and muscle power to remove the dead and hazardous trees from the campground and, in return, was allowed to haul off the wood and sell it to the community as firewood. The money received paid for the labor.

Ron Witney, Work Supervisor, points to the parolee crew with pride. "They've all made some mistakes," he said, "but the community needs to give them a second chance." The crew members are learning to work, to be productive, and to get along with others in the community. "We help them set goals; we teach them to reach their goals; and we reinforce their successes," says Witney. The success ratio of those who have finished the program has been high.

Witney speculates that some of the "rules" of the work group contribute to their success. All crew members are treated as equals, with no one superior to anyone else. Each worker is evaluated daily and paid according to his effort and productivity.

Witney says he is especially appreciative of businesses and organizations which give the young people work projects and a chance to earn a living while going through the tough period of readjustment. "Working hard in the mountains was tremendous therapy for them."

District Ranger George Matejko said he was glad to have had the group because, "They did an excellent job, worked hard, and were well supervised and safety conscious." He said, "The advantage of this group is that there is no cost to the taxpayers. In our case, the slash was cleaned up, the environment and the recreationists benefitted, and so did the parolees."

Ron Witney says the Center is seeking other projects to help the young men bridge the gap between jail and their return as useful members of the community. If you are interested in providing a project, call Ron Witney, Work Crew Coordinator, or Dr. Frank Rose. The phone number is 375-7863. □

LETTERS WE LIKE TO RECEIVE

B. J. Graves, Forest Supervisor of the Humboldt National Forest, received the following letter from four hunters:

"We are writing this letter to inform you of the opinion of four hunters that have been using the Big Bend Campground for the last 10 years.

"We have seen the yearly improvements and would like to compliment your man, Raymond Mendive, for a fine job in the upkeep and care of the campground" □

LIFESTYLE

Breaktime Exercises...

KNEE TO NOSE: Lift right knee to nose. Alternate sides, repeat eight times for each side. Lift higher with practice.



NECK TWIST: Sit straight, away from back of the chair. Look slowly right and left, increasing range of vision. Eight times, smoothly.

KNEE CROSS: Cross right knee over left and return to floor. Alternate, lift higher with practice. Eight crosses for each leg.



TOE TURN: Sit with feet about one foot apart, shoes off. With heels on the floor, turn both feet in, then out. Repeat 20 times.

KNEE BENDS: For people without knee problems. With hands on a table, do four half knee bends. Increase to 10 with practice.



HEEL RAISES: Put feet together with heels back so legs bend at the ankle. Raise and lower heels. Alternate and do 10 with each foot.

LEG LIFTS: Stand facing the chair. Place right foot on the chair and return to floor. Alternate feet. Start with 10 and work up.



PUSHUPS: Stand well away from a desk that can't slide. Go as low as you can and return. Start with five and increase when stronger.

HELP SOUGHT FOR FELLOW EMPLOYEE

Lenny Ostrom, a Forestry Technician on the Weiser Ranger District, and his family (wife and 3 small children) are struggling from catastrophic medical expenses incurred when Lenny underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor. He is now receiving radiation treatment and chemotherapy. The District sponsored a benefit drawing on March 28 to assist the family. Others who would like to contribute can do so through the Lenny Ostrom Trust Fund; % First Interstate Bank of Idaho; 606 N. State Street; Weiser, Idaho, 83672; or the sororities in the McCall area are selling \$1 tickets for a mountain bike to be raffled off on April 1. Further information can be obtained from Dave Olson in the Payette Supervisor's Office. □

AWARDS

REGIONAL OFFICE

Cash

HOWARD WEBB, IS - For special achievement and dedication to the installation, interconnect and optimization of the Region's microwave network.

FORREST SNYDER, IS - For special achievement and dedication to the management and installation of telephone systems within the Intermountain Station and Region.

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

Cash - Quality Increase

KENNETH R. WOODMAN, Range Technician, Idaho City RD - For implementation of innovative and cost-effective management practices while assuming additional responsibilities in the functions of recreation, wildlife, minerals and special uses.

Cash - Sustained Superior Performance

KATHERINE M. SCHIEPAN, Landscape Architect, SO-RWWR - For sustained performance above requirements of the position.

RAYMOND HOUSE, Maintenance Worker, Lucky Peak Nursery - For having worked at a level exceeding acceptable in all performance elements.

CONNIE MURRAY, Gardner, Lucky Peak Nursery - For having worked at a level exceeding acceptable in all performance elements.

Special Act or Service

BRETT T. COLEMAN, Range Conservationist, Cascade RD - For prompt, courteous, and efficient update of the RAMIS data base and completion of the annual range reports, amid unforeseen changes that required extra time, effort and patience to meet RO and WO deadlines.

MONA M. HANSEN, Resource Clerk, SO-RWWR - For prompt, courteous, and efficient update of the RAMIS data base and completion of the annual range reports, amid unforeseen changes that required extra time, effort and patience to meet RO and WO deadlines.

LEWIS MUNSON, Range Conservationist, SO-RWWR - For special effort in the role of burn rehabilitation team leader for the Long Tom Fire.

MARILYN J. HOPKINS, Information Receptionist, SO - For unwavering enthusiastic and positive attitude while working with a variety of publics and fellow employees. For being an outstanding HOST.

MILDRED WALKER, SCSEP Employee, Mt. Home RD - For extra service as primary timekeeper for the District when the position was vacated from November 1985 to October 1986.

RAY BURL MOORE, Recreation Maintenance, Lowman RD - For extra effort in recruiting volunteers and accomplishing a wide variety of projects on the District.

CARIBOU NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

REED P. JENSEN, Forestry Technician, Montpelier RD - For operation and maintenance of the Cub River campgrounds and facilities using own initiative and with little supervision.

VELMA M. BRANDT, Resource Technician, SO - For extra effort in awarding the 1986 timber sales.

EDNA C. EKSTROM, Resource Clerk, SO - For performance related to the issuance of grazing permits in 1986 exceeding normal requirements of her position. Performed major duties of grazing and mineral activities in an outstanding manner.

GALEN M. SUTPHIN, Purchasing Agent, SO - For work in implementing shared service purchasing while assuming duties left when lead purchasing agent position was abolished.

NANCY D. POOLE, Accounting Technician, SO - For assuming duties above normal requirements of the position during the absence of a budget officer on the Forest.

HUMBOLDT NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

JAMES M. PERCY, Range Conservationist, Jarbidge RD - For excellent work in the Mahoney Administrative Site Restoration Project.

VAL G. CLEMENTS, Forestry Aid, Jarbidge RD - For excellent work on wilderness trails (clearing timber, rock and snow from trails) under extreme conditions. Debris was deposited over several miles of trail by large avalanches during the winter of 1986.

GEORGE A. URDAHL, Forestry Technician, Jarbidge RD - For having a positive HOST image with all of the visitors that have come into the Jarbidge area for over 50 years. He also was one of the first recreation guards to initiate a Pack It In-Pack It Out program.

JOHN E. PLACE, Forestry Aid, Jarbidge RD - For excellent work on wilderness trails under extreme conditions (upgraded several miles of trail, supervised an 8-man crew on reconstruction, and cleared timber, rock and snow which was deposited over several miles of trail by large avalanches during the winter of 1986).

Length of Service

ROBERT L. VAUGHT and KENNETH C. OLSEN - 10 years

MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

CALVINE E. WRAY, Forestry Technician, Ferron RD - For work with the public and successfully implementing Pack It In-Pack It Out on the District.

JOHN HEALY, Range Conservationist, and DEAN BEHLING, Range Technician, Ferron RD - For work with livestock permittees leading to the permittees accepting maintenance responsibility for 38 miles of common use fence.

Length of Service

TOM BANDOLIN, Wildlife Biologist, Moab RD - 10 Years

PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

JOE COLBURN, Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD - In recognition of effort and commitment in getting the job done to an extraordinary standard on the Lost Boat Timber Sale.

SID HIGH, Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD - For maintaining high standards of quality in assisting in the preparation and administration of precommercial thinning and stand improvement program.

RICHARD REHBERG, Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD - In recognition of his effort and commitment in getting the job done to an extraordinary standard on the Lost Boat Timber Sale.

RANDY SKINNER, Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD - In recognition of his effort and commitment in getting the job done to an extraordinary standard on the Lost Boat Timber Sale.

MELVIN TAGUE, Forester, Krassel RD - For dedicated leadership and personal effort in all program areas of Civil Rights.

TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Cash

RODD E. RICHARDSON, District Ranger, Island Park RD - For exceptional performance in external relations as evidenced by developing and giving support for an approach for reentry of Douglas-fir sales that will minimize new road construction and, thereby, benefit wildlife.

STEPHEN M. RUSHTON, Supervisory Forester, SO - For personally devising and coordinating the use of unique methods of plotting, conveyance, and withdrawal release in order to ensure the success of the complex Mesa Falls land exchange.

RONALDD. DICKEMORE, District Ranger, Palisades RD - For outstanding accomplishment in Equal Employment Opportunity, particularly the development and utilization of employment opportunities with the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in 1986.

Group

JAY BURKE, Forestry Technician; CLARK LUCAS, Forester; DAVID OZAWA, Forester; SCOTT BATES, Forestry Technician, Island Park RD - For recognition of the efforts put forth in the completion of timber sale environmental assessments and dedication to the advancement of the timber sale program.

PERSONNEL

L. KENT MAYS, JR., former Region 4 Deputy Regional Forester, has been named Program Manager for the new Spotted Owl Research, Development, and Applications Program for Washington, Oregon, and California. Kent will report to his new job in Portland on March 29. Kent has been assigned to the President's Commission on American Outdoors since 1985

REGIONAL OFFICE

Promotion

LISA JACKSON, Clerk-Typist, F&PS, to Secretary, F&PS

Reassignment

CORENE GREEN, Clerk-Typist, E, from Wasatch-Cache NF

Transfer In

CINDY SIMMONS, Clerk-Typist, PM, from Internal Revenue Service

BOISE NATIONAL FOREST

Promotion

CHARLES SELL, Forestry Technician, Dispatch

Reassignments

CAROLE SHOBE, Accounting Technician, SO-PM to SO-F&A

JUDY MILLER, Accounting Technician, SO-PM to SO-F&A

Reassignments with Promotions

CHERYL MOLIS, Administrative Officer, SO-PM to SO-E

STEPHEN RADDATZ, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Idaho City RD to South Zone

BERT STROM, Supervisory Forestry Technician, Emmett RD to North Zone

CARMEN FUNSTON, Personnel Management, SO-PM, to Regional Office

Resignation

DAVID MONTGOMERY, SCSEP Employee, SO

Retirement

GILBERT ZAHM, Laborer, SO-TM

Transfer Out

MICHAEL TODD, Contract Specialist, SO, to Bureau of Land Management, Billings, Montana

BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST

Appointments

MARK VAN EVERY, Information Assistant, SO

HARRIET CARICO, Accounting Technician, SO

Promotions in Place

CHERYL L. LEE, Computer Assistant, SO

CHRISTOPHER LEE WAGNER, Forestry Technician, SO

Reassignment

ELLEN WACKERMAN, Budget Assistant, to Supervisory Accounting Technician, SO

Retirement

MARJORIE A. GRANT, Carto Technician, SO

CARIBOU NATIONAL FOREST

Promotions in Place

JILL BICKMORE, Equipment Specialist, SO

ADRIENNE CHRISTOPHER, Supervisory Computer Specialist, SO

Retirements

WILLIAM J. TOBY, Forester, SO

JAMES F. SONTAG, Personnel Management Specialist, SO

EDNA EKSTROM, Resource Clerk, SO

Reassignment

ARLO G. MENDENHALL, Supervisory Contract Specialist, Targhee NF, to Supervisory Contract Specialist, SO

PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

Appointments

PATRICIA BARNETT, Personnel Clerk, Business Management

TINA FLORENCE, Payroll Clerk, Council RD

Promotions

DALENE LEMBERES, Payroll Clerk, Business Management

STEVE PATTERSON, Forester, New Meadows RD

Promotions in Place

SACHI SAKOI, Resource Clerk, Weiser RD

ROLF D. GOERKE, Forestry Technician, Krassel RD

ALLEN CLARK, Forestry Technician, Weiser RD

JIMMIE RUSKA, Forestry Technician, New Meadows RD

Reassignments

MARILYN BLACK, Personnel Clerk, from Communications Clerk, Business Management

ELAINE BOLES, Personnel Clerk, from Accounting Technician, Business Management

CHINA TOWER, Support Service Supervisor, from Accounting Technician, Business Management

BILL MURPHY, Personnel Officer, Manti-LaSal NF, to Personnel Management Specialist, Payette NF

Resignation

CANDY ORTEGA, Clerk Trainee, Resource Section, SO

TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Promotions in Place

MARSHA B. PHILLIPS, Secretary, SO

DEBRA M. OGDEN, Clerk-Typist, SO

Reassignments

ARLO G. MENDENHALL, Supervisory Contract Specialist, SO, to Supervisory Contract Specialist, Caribou NF, SO

VERNON KIMBALL, Forester, Island Park RD, to Public Affairs Specialist, SO



PARTING SHOT

—Tony Valdez, Range Conservationist, Moab Ranger District, Manti-LaSal National Forest, was called by the Grand County Sheriff to lead a rescue of a dog trapped high on a cliff. Tony donned his gear and made the climb. Things went well until he reached the very large, angry, tired, hungry, scared German shepherd. Fortunately, Tony was able to stare the animal down using mind control techniques (and cookies he brought along). He rescued the dog by repelling it off the high cliff. Tony received a commendation from the Grand County Sheriff for his assistance.

—Wildlife, especially elk, will benefit under a recent agreement signed by the Forest Service and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The Forest Service manages seasonal and yearlong habitat for more than 80 percent of the elk in the United States. Under this agreement, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will provide money and volunteers to aid the Forest Service in maintaining and enhancing elk habitat on National Forest System lands and conducting research.

—The Payette National Forest recently received a special use application from Snake River Llamas of Idaho Falls for educational trips using llamas. The application, which would authorize outfitting, proposes trips in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and the McCall and Krassel Ranger Districts (including the Frank Church - River of No Return Wilderness). Snake River Llamas would offer a series of courses, seminars and training sessions on a variety of topics. The courses would be taught in different areas with llamas providing the packing support.

—Volunteer trail riders will help maintain trails and do other conservation work in the National Forest System under an agreement signed March 3 by the Forest Service and the American Motorcyclist Association. This is the first nationwide agreement made as part of the Take Pride in America program. Chief Robertson said he hopes the agreement will encourage the millions of Americans who ride their trail-equipped motorcycles for recreation to volunteer their assistance to enhance the more than 15,000 miles of trail open to motorized vehicles in the National Forests. The Chief said, "The volunteer spirit shown by the American Motorcyclist Association is what Take Pride in America is all about. We welcome volunteers, both individuals and organizations, who can use their special skills and knowledge to help maintain and protect the nation's natural resources." The American Motorcyclist Association is a nationwide association representing the interests and purposes of 20 million members of the American motorcycling public.

—New Publications: Intermountain Region Annual Fire Report - 1986 (A&FM); Volunteer Opportunities - 1987 (PM).

—Volume II of the "Sampler of the Early Years - Stories of Forest Service Wives" is now available. Including mailing costs, the price is \$7 for each copy. To purchase one or more copies, send a check (payable to History Project, Forestry Wives Club) to Mrs. Rita Glazebrook, 13630 N. E. Hancock Street; Portland, Oregon, 97230. □

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